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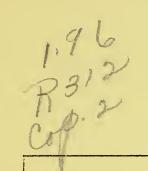


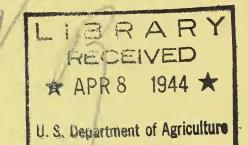
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"Soil erosion is altering the course of world history more radically than any war or revolution." - G. V. Jacks

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#### PERIODICAL ARTICLES

#### Agriculture

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"Presidential address delivered at the twentieth annual meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Dallas, Texas, April 7,1939."

Hannah, H.W. and Vandervliet, Bert. Effects of strip mining on agricultural areas in Illinois and suggested remodial measures. Jour. Land & Pub. Utility Econ. 15(3): 296-311, tables. August 1939.

Moore, H.R. Tax delinquent rural land unsuited for agriculture in the southeastern Ohio. Ohio Expt.Sta.Bimo.Bul.24(197):34-35, table.

March-April 1939.

Table indicates chronically tax delinquent lands in Hocking and Scioto counties classified according to adaptability to agricultural use.

#### Black Locust

Roberts, E.G. Soil depth and height growth of black locust. Jour. Forestry 37(7):583-584. July 1939.

Reports average height of black locust trees four years in the field at different depths of surface soil.

"This study made in Lauderdale county, Miss. emphasizes the fact, already well established in the minds of many foresters, that black locust is not a 'poor land' crop. Its effective use in erosion control is limited to those places where considerable surface soil has accumulated."

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- Cullinan, F.P. Cover crops for peaches. South. Planter 100(9):4, illus. September 1939.
- Klein, Jack. A new cover crop and forage plant; wedge pear Calif. Cult.86(17):459. Aug.25,1939.
- Smith, J.L. Planting crotalaria as a cover crop. Citrus Indus.20(7): 6,18. July 1939.

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New farming system? West.Farm Life 41(15):2. Aug.1,1939.

"A new system of non-irrigation farming in which the land would always remain 'right side up' is a possibility as a result of soil and moisture experimental work underway at the University of Nebraska" under the direction of J.C.Russel and F.L.Duley.

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- Bollinger, C.J. Upstream aspects of the proposed Red River dam near Demison, Texas. Southwest. Social Sci. Quart. 20(1):12-18. June 1939.
- Carter, C.H. Deer Creek Dam, Provo River project, Utah. Reclam. Era 29 (8):210-213, illus., figrs. August 1939.
- Stratton, J.H. Engineering features of Conchas dam project. Boston Soc.Civ.Engin.Jour.25(4):497-516. October 1938.

  Includes information on hydrology of the watershed. The dam is near Raton, N.Mex.

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"The following practices are recommended to enable fruit trees to endure drought: 1. Choose comparatively level land to reduce surface run-off. Sometimes advantage can be taken of land receiving run-off waters from higher levels. 2. If sloping land is used, plant on level contours or terraces, and cultivate across rather than up and down the slope. 3. Shelter from winds is needed on the south, west, and north sides of the fruit garden. 4. Standard spacing is desirable in contrast to close spacing. 5. Practice clean cultivation throughout the growing season to climinate weeds and thus conserve soil moisture."

Edwards, A.D. The sociology of drought. Rural Sociology 4(2):190-202, figrs., tables. June 1939.

"This study of a drought area county in the Southern Great Plains attempts to analyze the effects of recurrent drought on population, systems of farming, standard of living community organization, public relief and assistance, and attitudes and opinions. A striking similarity of the effects of drought upon community life is apparent in a comparison of several drought periods. The general pattern of social changes during drought is summarized. An outstanding feature of the recent drought of 1932-36 has been the large amount of federal assistance which has served to stabilize the farming economy. Recommendations to avert the most disastrous effects of future droughts do not involve a complete shift from wheat growing but rather a better adaptation of this type of farming to the climate of the Great Plains along with increased diversification and greater emphasis on measures designed to control soil blowing."

#### Evaporation

Lloyd, David. Evaporation over catchment areas, II. Quart. Jour. Roy. Met. Soc., London; 65(281):385-396, tables. July 1939.

Summary: "Information has been extracted from Government sources relating to drainage areas situated in northern Italy. Values of general rainfall, loss and weather details are tabulated. The provisional formula, advanced recently to estimate the probable loss by evaporation over catchment areas, is applied to these, data. The values of loss, expected on account of the weather and permeability of sub-surface, are shown to be of the right magnitude."

## Farm Forestry

Smith, N.C. Forestry in a balanced farm program for Virginia. South. Planter 100(8):4,12-13,illus. August 1939.

Woodlot tax exemption. Wis.Conserv.Bul.4(7):6-8. July 1939. Quotes Cashman woodlot exemption law in force in Wisconsin.

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Models of "old man river" help keep floods in check. Hydraulics conference (Society for the promotion of engineering education, Hydraulics conference, Iowa City) also hears of method of making waves stand still by means of an endless treadmill. Sci. News Letter 36(1):5, illus. Jly.1,1939.

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- Cline, A.C. The restoration of watershed forests in the hurricane area for New England. New England Water Works Assoc. Jour. 53(2): 223-237, illus. June 1939.
- Hammatt, R.F. Forest conservation and national security. Sci.Mo. 49(2):121-134, illus. August 1939.
- Hertzler, R.A. Engineering aspects of the influence of forests on mountain streams. Civil Engin.9(8):487-489, illus., table, figrs. August 1939.

"References, "p.489.

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month summary - November 1,1936, to April 30,1937", p.488.

"In progress at the Appalachian Forest Experimental Station, near Asheville, N.C., is a comprehensive investigation of the influence of forests on mountain streams, The objectives and methods of these studies, and some of the results to date, are outlined in the accompanying article. Of particular interest are the descriptions of the special stream-gaging devices, the data on the degree of stream control afforded by forest cover, and the conclusions in regard to infiltration capacity of forest soils."

- Mattoon, W.R. Visual aids in teaching forestry don't overlook still pictures. Jour. Forestry 3'7(8):658-659. August 1939.
- Neff, Philip. Valuation of national forest lands. Jour. Forestry 37 (8):598-600. August 1939.

The author discusses three court cases which upheld the reforestation or replacement cost theory for computing the damage to young growth or other forest cover not of commercial or merchantable size or character. He is of the opinion "that foresters, forest users, soil conservationists and others may take considerable satisfaction in these decisions, recognizing as they do, real social values in our public forests though they cannot be commercially defined."

Ross, C.R. Wilderness resurgent. Amer. Forests 45(9):439-440,476, illus. September 1939.

"A forest wilderness is on the march in the Southern Appalachians. In a vigorous advance it is reoccupying thousands of acres wrested from it during the last century and a half by intrepid settlers. The movement is unusual. America has always seen man invading and pushing back the wilderness - but here the tables are turned. A resurgent wilderness is sweeping over former human habitations on a far-flung front."

Shirley, H.L. and Meuli, L.J. Influence of moisture supply on drought resistance of conifers. July 1,1939.

Influence of moisture supply on drought Jour. Agr. Res. 59(1):1-21, tables, figrs.

"Literature cited,"pp.20-21.

## Grass and Grass Seeds

Hay, W.D. Identification of standard and fairway strains of crested wheatgrass. Amer. Soc. Agron. Jour. 31(7):620-624, illus. July 1939.

## Grasses and Grassland

- Cornelius, D.R. Side-pats grama for erosion control. Soil Conserv. 5(1):3-6, illus., tables. July 1939.
- Freeland, Roy. Return of the open prairie. Kansas cattlemen push thriving industry as grass stages speedy comeback in the bluestem region. Kans. Farmer 76(17):3,12,illus. Aug. 26,1939.
- Hansen, N.E. A million-acre community pasture. Country Gent. 109 (8):13,59, illus. August 1939.

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Mullen, L.A. Giant wild-ryc in the conservation program. Soil Conserv. 5(1):1-3, illus. July 1939.

Quotations from field reports and correspondence with ranchers stress the value of the species in the Pacific Northwest.

Shelford, V.E. and Yeatter, R.E. Land holdings of North American universities with particular reference to grassland. Ecology 20(3):450-454. July 1939.

"In spite of all the disaster that recent years have shown to agriculture and industry in the Plains states, only five institutions hold any grassland for scientific research and instruction...the greatest centers of grassland study...are without lands for research and instruction."

- Toman, J.F. First papers awarded crested wheatgrass. Not yet accredited full citizenship. Mont.Farmer 26(16):3, illus. Apr. 15,1939. Urges wider use of crested wheatgrass by Montana ranchmen so that its merits can better be compared with native grasses.
- Wallop, O.M. Crested wheatgrass. Mont. Farmer 26(16):5. Apr. 15, 1939.

'A Wyoming farmer reports improvement from year to year in his crested wheat meadows, while his dry land alfalfa meadows "have practically gone to pieces". Because it is not a ground cover crop, he "would not recommend it to be planted where there is a chance of soil erosion from wind or rain".

Weaver, J.E. and Hansen, W.W. Increase of sporobolus cryptandrus in pastures of eastern Nebraska. Ecology 20(3):374-381, illus. July 1939.

"Literature cited, "p.381.

Summary: "Sand dropseed, sporobolus cryptandrus, occurred only rarely and sparingly in native pastures of eastern Nebraska before the great drought of 1934. It has since increased so rapidly that it is now one of the most abundant and important pasture grasses. This species, of wide distribution westward, renews growth in early spring, develops

rapidly, and is not readily injured by close grazing. It is a prolific seeder and under proper grazing soon reclaims pastures where bluegrass and little bluestem have died. Its resistance to drought is due in part to an excellent root system. In eastern Nebraska, it is of good palatability, produces much forage, and is efficient in protecting the soil against loss by erosion."

Weber, G.L. A method of preparing some native grass seeds for handling and seeding. Amer. Soc. Agron. Jour. 31(8):729-733. August 1939. A report on work done at the SCS nursery, Mandan, North Dakota.

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"2. The irrigation water requirement during the past 10 years amounted to approximately 20 acre—inches per year, on an average of 124,000 acres of rice per year, 90 per cent of which was pumped from the Pleistocene sands.

"3. The withdrawal of water has resulted in a lowering of the ground water by an average of 0.8 ft.per year; however, the decline varies with seasonal rainfall, acreage, and location.

"4.A continuous chart record affords evidence of a gradual and persistent decline of the ground water level, and shows annual, seasonal, and daily fluctuations.

"5. It is evident that under present conditions the safe yield of the Pleistocene sands is being exceeded each year. Additional research study is under way to determine the safe yield and the possibility of developing economical surface supplies of irrigation water."

## Highway Erosion Control

Erosion control on a road fill. Engin. News-Rec. 123(5):148, illus. Aug. 3, 1939.

"Contour ridges of stakes and wattles check wash of several fill slopes on a Missouri highway. Construction costs only half as much as full sodding."

Mackenzie, C.A. Gridiron sodding for road fill. Engin. News-Rec. 123 (7):210, illus. Aug. 17, 1939.

Unusual use of sod lining for shoulder and down-slope gutters on road fills (in New York State) described. Strip sodding and seeded panels used to protect areas between gutters.

Erosion has been successfully prevented during several heavy rains.

Precast spillway-ditch lining. Engin. News-Rec. 123(9):279, fig. Aug. 31, 1939.

Describes spillways designed to prevent erosion by Division of high-ways, California department of public works and to provide for heavy runoff along the Angelus Crest highway in Southern California.

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Blaisdell, F.W. Discharge of V-notch weirs at low heads. Civil Engin. 9(8):495-496, figs. August 1939.

Kennison, K.R. Design of an open-channel control section. Amer.Soc. Civ.Engin.Proc.65(5):763-770, tables. May 1939.

"In designing an open channel to measure the flow of water, the shape of the controlling section to produce any desired rating curve can be determined by a definite mathematical relationship, the expression of which is claimed to be new, and to have possibilities in the application to practical problems. An analysis of the problem is contained in this paper. For example, if it is desired to modify a Venturi flume so that the rating curve at the given piezometer section immediately up stream from the controlling throat will be a predetermined convenient straight line, it can be done readily by the method presented herein. The writer first outlines the principles involved and arrives at mathematical expressions for the shape of the controlling section in terms of the desired rating, and then illustrates the application by the solution of specific problems."

Sutton, J.G. Hydraulics of open ditches. Agr. Engin. 20(5):175-178,180,

diagrs. May 1939.

"Presented before the Soil and Water Conscrvation Division at the fall meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, at Chicago, Ill., December 2,1938.Mr.Sutton (Mem.A.S.A.E.) is district engineer, Bureau of Agricultural Engineering, U.S. Department of Agriculture."

# Irrigation and Drainage

Bingham, G.H. Irrigation of alfalfa and small grains in Montana. Reclam. Era 29(7):180,182. July 1939.

Staebner, F.E. Supplementary irrigation on the Atlantic Coast. Engin.20(7):271-272,276,illus. July 1939.

"Presented before the Soil and Water Conservation Division at the fall meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers at Chicago, Ill., December 2,1938."

Taylor, C.A. Development of methods for thorough irrigation. Calif. Citrog.24(2):52, illus. December 1938.

Tests on over 1000 acres of citrus and walnut orchards showed the advantages of applying irrigation water in broad, shallow furrows rather than in narrow, deep ones. A machine for making these furrows is described.

Tetreau, E.D. The people of Arizona irrigated areas. Rural Sociology 3(2):177-187. June 1938.

"The chief task undertaken in this paper has been to select, present and briefly interpret certain facts about the people of Arizona irrigated areas that are essential to intelligent planning for their welfare."

Unique method of drainage devised by San Fernando grower. Calif.

Citrog.24(3):120, illus. January 1939.

"Sketch shows how drainage laterals were constructed. Trenches were dug to a depth of four feet with smaller ditches the depth and width of a shovel blade in the bottom. The latter were filled with rocks about two inches in size and then covered with a layer of beanstraw and manure. The trenches were then filled with dirt. Drainage laterals of this type have been recommended by the University of California on certain types of soil."

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Harmar, C.H. Land classification to aild the appraisar. Jour. Land

& Pub. Utility Econ. 15(3):277-286, table. August 1939.

"The purposes of this article will be (1) to describe very briefly the types of land-classification information now available to the appraiser, (2) to attempt a critical estimate of the usefulness of certain of these, (3) to point out particular developments in the techniques and methodology of land classification which have some promise from an appraisal point of view, and (4) to suggest the information that a land-classification system should provide in order to be of maximum usefulness to appraisers."

# Land Utilization

Erickson, F.C. and Levitt, W.H. Land utilization of the University Lake drainage basin, N.C.; Econ. Geogr. 15(3):293-302, figrs. July 1939.

Gray, A.J. Land use aspects of reservoir problems; in the Tennessee valley 1. Econ. Geogr. 15(3):238-242, figrs. July 1939.

Jackson, Donald. Land tax delinquency and land use. U.S.Bur.Agr. Econ.Agr.Finance Rev.2(1):1-8. Way 1939.

"The relation of tax delinquency to public programs of land-use planning is one of the primary current interests in rural delinquency."

Matthews, J.R. The ecological approach to land utilisation. Scot. Forestry Jour. 53(1):23-34. March 1939.

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Current Farm Econ. 11(6):136-146, tables. December 1938.

"Results of an analysis of the land ownership data for Texas County indicate that there is an inverse relationship between size of holdings and assessed value of land. In this county private ownership tends to be greater upon the better grades of land, and corporation holdings greater on poor grades of land. Land ownership data seem to be a fairly accurate indicator of the character of land utilization."

Tables are as follows: "Distribution of land ownership by areas in selected congressional townships, Texas county, Oklahoma, 1936.": "Average size of tract for different types of ownership and average assessed value per acre of privately owned land by areas, in selected townships,

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Steanson, Oscar. Square meals from spare acres. U.S.Bur.Agr.Econ. Land Policy Rev.2(4):1-6. July-August 1939.

A discussion of possible shifts in the use of land and what consideration should govern such shifts, to improve the well-being of farm people and conserve the land based on a statistical study of food and feed in 8 southern states.

Wilner, Stanley and Schafer, R.L. A statistical analysis of land owner-ship in North Dakota, 1935. N.Dak. Agr. Fxpt. Sta. Bimo. Bul. 1(6):10-14. July 1939.

"It is hoped that this presentation of basic data on land ownership will also be useful in the determination and planning of action programs for agricultural conservation and land-use adjustment in North Dakota."

Gives acreage of individual, corporation, public (county tax-deed land, state and school, bank and federal) and Indian land.

#### Pasture Improvement

Lush, R.H. Some opportunities for pasture improvement in the South. Amer. Fert. 91(4):5-7,24. Aug. 19,1939.

Includes 6 suggestions for improvement which will change the slogan of "Let more land go to grass" to "Help the land to grow more nutritious grass."

# Range and Pasture Management

Bell, H.M. Stockman's records reflect proper land use. Soil Conserv. 9(1):10-11, illus. July 1939.

Includes tabulations compiled from a Texas ranchman's record which indicate not only the immediate financial gain resulting from range conservation practices but a more enduring result reflected in the protection and perpetuation of the rancher's investment in the land.

Daubennire, R.F. Range extensions for southeastern Washington and adjacent Idaho. Leaflets West.Bot.2(2):199-200. Jly.22,1939.

Lists several plants not included in the revision of St.John's "A Manual to the Flora of Southeastern Washington and Adjacent Idaho."

Saunderson, M.H. Room on the range. U.S.Bur.Agr. Tcon.Land Policy Rev. 2(4):27-29. July-August 1939.

A discussion of the size and type of stock farms and ranches necessary to cope with climatic fluctuations and range management problems and requirements of the Northern Great Plains.

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Paper presented before the research group at the annual meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers at St. Paul, Minn., June 19,1939.

## River Bank Erosion

Besson, F.S., jr. Asphalt revetments tested by floods of two seasons. Willamette river bank protection experiments demonstrate the treatment to be economical and durable under favorable conditions. West. Construct. News 14(4):128-130,illus. April 1939.

"Erosion of banks, on the Millamette River in Oregon, in amounts which do not justify the large-scale use of standard hand-placed rock riprap but yet need protection, has presented a peculiar problem in erosion control. Consequently, considerable effort has been made by the Corps of Engineers to develop a cheaper method of bank protection. The experimental work herein described tends to show that asphaltic revetment may be the solution to the problem."

Christison, W.E. Typical flood control project construction. Bank erosion is a real problem in southern California. How asphalt was used for revetment work and tested during recent floods. Pacific Road Builder and Engin. Rev. 50(5):22-24. May 1939.

Herion, G.A. River bank protection. Soil Conserv.5(1):6-9,illus. July 1939.

Describes major types of structural protection now used on the Gila river, including the rail tetrahedron, the driver rail and tree type and the tree and cable revetment; the use of tree and shrub forms of willow for effective bank protection and stream channel stabilization; and accepted planting methods, the vertical, horizontal and the angular or stream-bank.

# Run-off

Collins, W.T. Runoff distribution graphs from precipitation occurring in more than one time unit. Civ. Engin. 9(9):559-561, table. September 1939.

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Lubell, Samuel and Everett, Walter. Rural zoning. Six states; Michigan, California, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Washington and Tennessee; have taken a leaf from Wisconsin's cormon-sense approach to its farming problems. Current Hist. 50(6):32-35,60, illus. August 1939.

# Sedimentation and Silt

Majumdar, S.C. River problems in Bengal. Silt, the dominating factor. Indian Engin. 105(6):204-208. June 1939.

Otto, G.H. A modified logarithmic probability graph for the interpretation of mechanical analyses of sediments. Jour. Sedimentary Petrology 9(2):62-76, illus. August 1939.

## Soil Classification

Eddy, C.D. Assessment of rural lands. Soil classification system outlined. Tax Digest 17(7):232-234,243-249, tables. July 1939.

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#### Soil Colloids

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Darling, J.N. Relationship of our Government to conservation. Md.Conserv. 16(3):16-19. Summer issue 1939.

Emphasizes the importance of education for conservation and suggests method of approach.

Musser, R.H. The organization meets the people and the land. Soil Conserv. 5(2):21-27, illus. August 1939.

An analysis of the Soil Conservation Service setup and how it does

its job.

Sears, P.B. Science and the new landscape. Harper's Mag. 179:207-216.
July 1939.

This article is concerned with the redesigning or restoration of the American landscape "to a condition of health and constructive activity, "with the help of the scientist and the people.

The point is made that "conservation is not a subject which can be taught. It is a way of life into which we must grow as a people."

Winters, S.R. An oasis put of waste. So. Agr. 69(9):18, illus. September 1939.

How the small mountain settlement of Bell Creek, in Towns County, Georgia, is making the most of limited acreage and conserving soil through the use of TVA's concentrated phosphate.

# Soil Erosion and Control

Earthfill slope protection. Engin. News-Rec. 123(5):147, illus. Aug. 3,1939.

"Unusual care was taken to prevent erosion on the slope of an earth-fill dam at the forebay of the Stanislaus power plant in California owned by the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. The slope is steep(1-2/3 to 1), the material is light and occasionally there is heavy rainfall, all of which contribute to the importance of making effective protection against erosion.

"This was done by building channels that would convey the runoff

from rain and melting snow to the ends of the structure thus prevent-water from flowing down the slope. The channels were formed by driving 4x6-in. redwood posts as supports for 2-in. redwood plank-runs along the surface of the dam. Workmen with shovels filled in earth behind the boards, and sprinkling and tamping aided in forming channels with relatively imperivous side slopes. The result has been that in some 30 years of operation there has been no washing of the slope. "
Entire item quoted.

Erosion below stilling basin:confirmation of model indications. U.S. Waterways Expt.Sta.Bul.(Hydraulics)2(4):34-35,figrs. Aug.15,1939. Refers to Professor Th.Rehbock's model-analyzation of the stilling basin of the Ryburg-Schwörstadt weir on the Upper Rhine River.

Harper, H.J. A comparison of two types of concrete slab structures for soil erosion control. Agr. Engin. 20(8):307-308, illus. August 1939.

Jenkins, R.B. Cedars and poverty. Cattleman 26(1):61-62,illus. June 1939.

A Texas county agent tells of the destructive spread of the sapcedar in Texas and its encroachment on other protective vegetation with resultant erosion of land, silting of streams and disappearance of wildlife.

Kohnke, Helmut and Dreibelbis, F.R. Methods of measuring soil erosion. Soil Research 6(4/5):232-241, table. 1939.

Summary - "Four methods of measuring erosion are enumerated. Two of them are designed to determine the total amount of erosion that has occurred since the first interference with natural conditions by man. They are: the conservation survey method, in which the amount of erosion is determined as the difference between the original soil profile and the present soil remnants, and the sediment survey method, in which the amount of soil settled out at the bottom of a watershed is measured and the amount of erosion calculated from the area drained and the amount of soil in the sediment.

"Two other methods determine the erosion while it occurs. In one case all of the soil carried in the run-off is measured, while in the other only the available plant nutrients carried away are estimated. The relative merits of these four methods are discussed."

Partain, L.E. Community attack on soil erosion. Jour. Land & Pub. Utility Econ. 15(3):354-358. August 1939.

Discusses the soil conservation district approach as a means for farmers to meet erosion and land use problems.

Seigworth, K.J. A work unit erosion control survey. Jour. Forestry 37(8):623-625, table. August 1939.

"This paper suggests one method of making an erosion control survey in terms of fairly tangible work units on large areas where reasonably accurate information is desirable and where maps which show roads and forest cover or open lands are available. It describes and summarizes an inventory of the erosion control job with which

the Department of Forestry Relations of the Tennessee Valley Authority is normally concerned in the light of currently accepted standards of desirable land use and in the light of current erosion control practices on six areas totaling 315,000 acres in eastern Tennessee."

#### Soil Erosion and Control. Foreign Countries

- Ballantyne, J.A. Erosion in orchards. Agr. Gaz. N.S. Wales 50(7):378-379, illus. Jly.1,1939.

  Recommends contour planting for New South Wales.
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